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FOR OPERATORS OF ONE OR TWO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

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FOREWORD

To All Operators and Users of Commercial Motor Vehicles:

The United States now has about 4,890,000 nonmilitary trucks and about 154,000 buses. The trucks are carrying a tremendous volume of property, and the buses a tremendous volume of people. Our railroads are operating to near capacity. They could not carry the traffic which the trucks and buses are carrying: First, because they do not have the capacity, and, second, because they are so located that they could not handle a great part of this traffic, even if they had the capacity.

Most of this traffic is essential. Our country will suffer severely, and the war effort will suffer, if the trucks and buses and other commercial motor vehicles find themselves unable to continue to handle this essential traffic, or any large part of it. *They must be kept rolling.*

No more civilian trucks are being built. The plants which built them have gone into the building of military trucks or other war products. Much the same is true of the buses. The supply of repair parts is critically limited. There is, and for months at least will continue to be, a serious shortage of